

Timeline for Implementation of the Low Income Health Program (LIHP)
Six Month View
Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

This timeline represents the initial implementation process. There is an ongoing opportunity for eligible entities to submit applications after the initial implementation process. These applications will be processed on a rolling timeline, within a maximum timeframe of approximately 120 days from the date of application.

Event	Date	Time Period
DHCS releases to the public a notification for the opportunity for eligible local governmental entities to elect to implement a LIHP and the application process.	January 3, 2011	Beginning date of process
Eligible entities submit written questions regarding the LIHP and application process to DHCS.	January 10, 2011	7 Days
Eligible entities submit the voluntary letter of interest to DHCS.	January 10, 2011	7 Days
DHCS conducts the southern County Application Informational Conference.	January 13, 2011	10 Days
DHCS posts the responses to the questions submitted by eligible entities and other interested parties.	January 17, 2011	14 Days
DHCS conducts the northern County Application Informational Conference.	January 20, 2011	17 Days
Eligible entities submit LIHP applications (including proposed capitation rate and methodology) to DHCS.	February 3, 2011	30 days from release date of public notification
DHCS begins development of the cost claiming protocol for CMS approval.	March 1, 2011	56 days from release date of public notification
DHCS approves or denies the LIHP applications.	April 3, 2011	60 days from date of application submittal
LIHP applicants may submit to DHCS requests for reconsideration of application denials.	April 13, 2011	10 days from date of application denial
DHCS provides written response to LIHP applicants' requests for reconsideration of application denials.	May 3, 2011	20 days from date of reconsideration request
DHCS and LIHP counties collaborate on review and determination of network adequacy and readiness.	May 3, 2011	90-day process from date of application submittals
DHCS submits Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI) allocations to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval.	May 17, 2011	104 days from date of application submittal
DHCS completes determinations of network adequacy and readiness and informs LIHP counties.	On a flow basis, no later than May 20, 2011	107 days from date of application submittal
DHCS reviews and determines the proposed capitation rates from LIHP counties are actuarially sound in consultation with the participating counties.	On a flow basis, no later than May 20, 2011	107 days from date of application submittal
DHCS notifies LIHP counties of their approved HCCI annual allocations.	May 20, 2011	107 days from date of application submittal
DHCS submits cost claiming protocol to CMS for approval. DHCS will notify counties of approved capitation rates and methodologies upon CMS approval.	May 31, 2011	119 days from date of application submittal
LIHP counties implement program.	June 1, 2011	120 days from date of application submittal

The timeline dates are subject to change.